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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 17, 2004. Claims 1-59 are pending.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect the species identified as 1(b) where the separable surface elements are formed by at least partially cutting the film as shown in Fig. 3. Claims 3, 18-36 and 56 are specifically directed at this embodiment. Applicants wish to proceed with the at least the method claims, should a further restriction be deemed appropriate over the method versus the product-by-process claims 36.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

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